

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 515

OFFERED BY MR. SMITH OF NEW JERSEY

Page 1, line 5, strike “Reauthorization” and insert “and Human Rights”.

Page 3, line 14, insert at the end before the period the following: “, sometimes by selective enforcement of the 2002 Belarus religion law”.

Page 4, beginning on line 25, strike “an unknown number” and insert “scores”.

Page 5, after line 20, insert the following:

1 (17) After the December 19, 2010, presidential
2 election, opposition candidates and activists have
3 been persecuted and detainees have been physically
4 mistreated, and denied access to family, defense
5 counsel, medical treatment, and open legal pro-
6 ceedings.

7 (18) After the December 19, 2010, presidential
8 election, lawyers representing those facing criminal
9 charges related to the post-election protest have been
10 subjected to the revocation of licenses, disbarment,
11 and other forms of pressure.

1 (19) After the December 19, 2010, presidential
2 election, the Government of Belarus has convicted
3 political detainees to harsh prison sentences.

4 (20) After the December 19, 2010, presidential
5 election, the United States and European Union im-
6 posed targeted travel and financial sanctions on an
7 expanded list of officials of the Government of
8 Belarus.

9 (21) After the December 19, 2010, presidential
10 election, the United States fully restored sanctions
11 against Belarus's largest state-owned petroleum and
12 chemical conglomerate and all of its subsidiaries.

13 (22) After the December 19, 2010, presidential
14 election, the United States has engaged in assistance
15 efforts to provide legal and humanitarian assistance
16 to those facing repression and preserving access to
17 independent information, and has pledged resources
18 to support human rights advocates, trade unions,
19 youth and environmental groups, business associa-
20 tions, think-tanks, democratic political parties and
21 movements, independent journalists, newspapers and
22 electronic media operating both inside Belarus and
23 broadcasting from its neighbors, and to support ac-
24 cess of Belarusian students to independent higher

- 1 education and expand exchange programs for busi-
- 2 ness and civil society leaders.

Page 5, line 21, strike “(17)” and insert “(23)”.

Page 7, line 15, strike “and”.

Page 7, after line 15, insert the following:

- 3 (10) call on the International Ice Hockey Fed-
- 4 eration to suspend its plan to hold the 2014 Inter-
- 5 national World Ice Hockey championship in Minsk
- 6 until the Government of Belarus releases all political
- 7 prisoners; and

Page 7, line 16, strike “(10)” and insert “(11)”.

Page 7, line 20, strike all after “section” and insert a period, closing quotation marks, and a second period outside such closing quotation marks.

Page 7, beginning on line 21, strike section 3.

Page 9, line 3, redesignate section 4 as section 3.

Page 9, line 15, redesignate section 5 as section 4.

Page 11, line 20, redesignate section 6 as section 5.

Page 11, strike line 24 through line 6 on page 12 and insert the following:

1 (1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by
2 striking “this Act” and inserting “the Belarus De-
3 mocracy and Human Rights Act of 2011”; and

Page 13, line 3, redesignate section 7 as section 6.

Page 13, after line 17, insert the following:

4 **SEC. 7. FUNDING FOR REPORT.**

5 The requirement to prepare and transmit the report
6 required under section 8 of the Belarus Democracy Act
7 of 2004 (Public Law 109–480; 22 U.S.C. 5811 note), as
8 amended by section 6 of this Act, shall be performed with-
9 in current levels of authorized and appropriated funding.

